

Senate Bill 388

By: Senators Seabaugh of the 28th, Balfour of the 9th, Johnson of the 1st and Hill of the 32nd

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

1 To amend Code Section 46-5-164 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to
2 interconnection among certificated local exchange companies, so as to provide that in the
3 event of a natural disaster for which federal relief is awarded a local exchange carrier may
4 assess a storm surcharge not to exceed 10 percent of the existing commission approved rate
5 for a period of one year from the date of the disaster; to provide for related matters; to repeal
6 conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

7 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:

8 **SECTION 1.**

9 Code Section 46-5-164 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to
10 interconnection among certificated local exchange companies, is amended by adding a new
11 subsection (h) to read as follows:

12 "(h) In the event of a natural disaster for which federal disaster relief is awarded, an
13 incumbent local exchange carrier may assess a storm surcharge not to exceed 10 percent
14 of the existing commission approved rate for the applicable unbundled network element
15 to any unbundled network element purchased from said incumbent local exchange carrier
16 pursuant to 47 U.S.C. Section 251 for a period of one year from the date of the natural
17 disaster."

18 **SECTION 2.**

19 All laws and parts of laws in conflict with this Act are repealed.